

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated February 13, 2008. Claims 6, 18, 19 and 26 are in the application, of which Claims 6, 18 and 26 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Formal objections were lodged against Claims 6, 18 and 26. These objections have been attended to, using language suggested by the Examiner, as shown in the amendment above.

Claims 6, 18, 19 and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent 7,059,699 (Asauchi). In response, the claims herein have been amended so as to specify that the supply of liquid to be applied uses a mechanism for sucking and delivering the liquid. In one example embodiment, such a mechanism is provided in the form of a syringe mechanism for sucking and delivering liquid, as described on page 15, line 15. As seen there, liquid to be applied is moved from a liquid supply section to a liquid applicator by means of a mechanism which sucks and delivers such liquid.

Asauchi, on the other hand, is directed to a conventional ink jet printing apparatus, in which the ink head unit is constituted by mounting ink tanks 107F and 107K together with print head 28. Asauchi is not seen to disclose or to suggest any mechanism for sucking and delivering liquid. As such, Asauchi is not seen to disclose or suggest an arrangement in which liquid to be applied is supplied from a liquid supply section to a liquid applicator by means of a mechanism for sucking and delivering liquid.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that the claims herein are fully in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

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